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ELECTION

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 2, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-8) in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants request that the claims of Group II (claim 9) be cancelled, without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute same by divisional application.

In light of the foregoing, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application with a view toward allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if a telephone call could help solve any remaining items.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 2 and 9 are independent. Claim 9 has been canceled. After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-8 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1 and 2 are independent. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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